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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 for the above identified application, which is in response to the Final Office Action mailed on January 24, 2005 (Paper No./Mail Date 20060118), in connection with the above-identified patent application. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following arguments. This Request and Preliminary Amendment is timely filed with a concurrent Request for a three-month extension of time and the requisite fee.

The present Amendment and Response is further accompanied by the submission of a Declaration under 37 C.F.R. §1.1.31 of Luc Desnoyers, Ellen Filvaroff, Wei-Qiang Gao, Audrey Goddard, Paul J. Godowski, Austin Gurney and William I. Wood, the consideration of which is respectfully requested.

Under 37 C.F.R. §1.48(c), the present Amendment and Response is further accompanied by the submission of an Amendment listing the correct inventorship.

**Currently Pending Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.